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For: METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY MATCHING GRAPHIC ELEMENTS AND PHONETIC ELEMENTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant responds to the comment in the May 14, 2008 office action that consideration has not been given to the French language reference because no discussion thereof was provided with the previously submitted Information Disclosure Statement. In response, applicant provides the following comments concerning the French language reference, namely: "Interfaces intelligentes et traitement automatique des langues naturelles (TALN)" (E. LASSALLE and J. VINESSE), ACTES DES FORUMS FRANCE TELECOM RECHERCHE, October 1996.

One of the authors of this reference is the inventor of this application. This reference concerns "Intelligent Interfaces and automatic processing of natural languages" developed in the laboratories of the assignee (FRANCE TELECOM). It was cited as of low interest in the French search report of the corresponding French patent application for the statement at page 4, right column, paragraph 3 indicating an orthographic error correction based on the phonetics and using phonetic data of a lexicon and the phonetics of the used word is made by using a phonetic transcription probabilistic automate from training based on examples of phonetic transcriptions.

Based on the foregoing, consideration and acknowledgment of the reference are in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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